

THE TIDINGS

GOD'S MISSION FOR TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO LOVE HIM FULLY AND FOLLOW HIM FAITHFULLY.

The Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Reggie Bridges

"It is not your grandma's church!" exclaimed the young pastor as he extolled his new congregation and its contemporary culture. You see, he was bragging that his church was far different from that of the past; it was new and exciting! It offered much more vitality than grandma's church!

Sounds inviting for young, spiritually restless individuals who simply want to love Jesus, doesn't it? Sure. And on the surface, I might tend to agree. Yes, there are some differences today that I believe are significantly better. For example, **our present-day spiritual leaders have been vocal in proclaiming God's love for one race, the human race.** We have rejected the cultural bigotry of the past and embraced racial reconciliation as a biblical paradigm for us. That is a victory in and of itself, but we must press on with the message.

Another instance where some believers have grown is in our **worship expression** (although I would argue that some of our great grandmas would have set the example of worship freedom . . . especially if they were from Sandy Creek! Go study your Southern Baptist history!). Indeed, many sense a greater liberty to express themselves in public worship. And that is a good thing!

But before you totally dismiss grandma's church, don't forget it had its own meaningful virtues and practices. You cannot deny that grandma and her ilk **focused much more on prayer than we do today.** Often times, she would personally call out to God on your behalf by asking Him to save you and sanctify you. Wow! I am still humbled to know that my grandma (Actually, her proper title was Granny!) got down on her knees for me!


Also, don't set aside grandma's **love for the Scripture.** For grandma's church, the Bible was central to everything that should be done, and the congregation committed to study and apply it. In a day where we simply focus on practicality and "what works" to get people, we would do well to remember and obey the authoritative truth that governs our lives.

And how about grandma's **sacrificial service and giving?** Grandma would willingly forfeit earthly gains in order to make heavenly gains. She and her friends would sacrifice to support missions and ministry. And oh how they would serve! Dr. Virgil Orr was probably a member of grandma's church. Just the other day, he showed up at Temple to help clean up the kitchen! Thanks to his confessed "military training," he was able to wash dishes for well over an hour!

You see, I've decided grandma's church may not have been all bad. Yes, it had areas where it needed to mature . . . every church does! But there were some great things about grandma's church, characteristics we should model today. And oh yeah, isn't it great that you can attend a church **with** grandma? I often wish my kids could worship/study/serve with my parents in a local church together, but I am very grateful they have a church full of "adopted" grandmas and grandpas. Because that is the final trait of grandma's church with which I pray we would identify. It was a **multigenerational church where families worshipped together** . . . not a one dimensional, one generational experience. Temple, I love you and am thankful for you! See you and grandma Sunday!

FROM THE RECORDS OF AUGUST 27, 2017

Worship Attendance		SS Attendance		'17	'16
9 a.m. Blended Worship Service	603	Adults	445	454	
9 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	169	Singles/Young Adults	119	147	
11:15 a.m. the gathering Worship Service	225	College	57	46	
Combined Morning Total	1025	Youth	83	90	
5 p.m. Evening Worship Service	190	Children	123	128	
		Preschool	107	125	
		Local	934	990	
		Off Campus	93	93	
		Total	1027	1083	

Sunday, August 27, 2017		
	Budget	\$45,882.12
	Share the Light	\$1,734.00
	Georgia Barnette Offering	\$1,800.00

Extended Session 9/3/17	
9 a.m. Worship —Jada Walsworth, Gabe & Amy Hogan, Lindsey Billberry, Leigh Nugent, Aubrey & Ainsley Wood, Royce & Sharon Norman, Alan & Paula Trammell	
11:15 a.m. Worship —Norlyn Hyde, Connie Eagles, Jonann Byargeon, Ginger & Jaina Robinson, Chris & Cydni Scroggs, Jennifer & Hannah Parker	

Neighbors and Nations

Ben Jernigan

Summer mission trip opportunities have passed, but the mission is still on! I am so proud of our church and the volunteers of all ages and backgrounds who have served the Lord thus far in 2017! Praise God for what He has done and continues to do through Temple!

In a couple of weeks, we will pray and give to the **Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering**. *Our goal this year is \$26,500*. Did you know that the GBSMO supports: statewide mission efforts, church planting, leadership trainings, disaster relief, feeding needy families, and more! Please pray for our state missions and about giving to this cooperative effort!



Wednesday, September 13
4-8 p.m. in Rooms 76 & 81
Goal: 15 Units

If we meet our goal, Temple members who need blood will move to the top of the list. Everyone come and give. Let's make and even exceed our goal!

JOIN US!
Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays
Starting September 12, 9:30 a.m.
OR Wednesdays
Starting September 13, 3:45 p.m.
You must contact the Church Office to sign up and reserve a book.
lifeway.com/kellyminter

2017 Georgia Barnette Offering
Our Goal: \$26,500

Week of Prayer for State Missions &
Georgia Barnette Offering is September 10-17

Tutoring Opportunity

If you have 30 minutes during the school day once a week that you could help a first grade child with reading or math, please contact Edith Hawkins at emhawkins@suddenlink.net or 255-1962 by Sunday, September 24.

TEMPLE TECH

TAILGATING

Saturday, September 2

Tailgating at 3:30 p.m. | LA Tech vs. Northwestern State
6:00 p.m. Kickoff

Tailgating is at the blue and white striped tent on the hill in front of the TAC. Join us for some good food and fellowship. **Menu is Deep Fried Ribs, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Hawaiian Rolls.**



In Home Bible Studies

Go Fish by Andy Stanley

Sundays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8

*Children's Ministry must have your childcare reservation
NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.*

Drop-off time will be 5 p.m. with pick-up time no later than 7 p.m.



Sewing for Nicaragua

Tuesday, September 5
6-8:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Very basic sewing skills needed to make dresses. Bring your sewing machine and other basic sewing supplies.

For security purposes, please enter the building through the Family Life Center to sew in Fellowship Hall.

Fall Food Roundup for Louisiana Baptist Children's Home and Family Ministries

September 3-17

A list of needed items is located around the church.

Our Newest Membership Candidates:



Sam Scroggs



Macey Lawrence



Debbie Waller



Mallory Waller



Caroline Simmons



Rayne Fischer



Lily McGuirt



Billy Henderson



Dylan Cox



Steve, Emily,
and Hadley Gatlin

Church Offices Closed
in observance of Labor Day
Monday, September 4



Thank You card has been received from...

Eddie & Kimberly Robison

(Located on the bulletin board in the Library window)



the family of Billie Jean Jenkins, sister
of Curtis Tubbs; the family of Judy
Dubuisson, sister of Betty Ruth Bryan.

Celebration Choir will sing in *the gathering*
at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, September 24.

Rehearsals:

Sundays, September 3, 10, & 17, 3:30 p.m., Choir Room
Sunday, September 24, 10:45 a.m., Gathering Space

Contact Chris Albritton, chris@temple.life, 255-3745

Missionary Round Table

Friday, September 8, 9:30 a.m.

at the home of Edith Hawkins (502 Savannah Trace, Ruston)
Reviewer: Shirley Crump. Guests are cordially invited.

South Asia (March 2018) Interest Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 6:45 p.m., Room 76

Mission Trip is March 16-25

YOUNG ADULT NEWS

Jason Walsworth



Man Up Monday! is back on September 18 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall! Men of all ages and sons are welcome to attend. Join us for a great time of manly fellowship, which means there will be lots of food that is probably not healthy for you but so good to eat. If you have not been to a Man Up Monday!, you don't know what you are missing; so, come check it out!

Meet us in El Dorado on Saturday, October 14, for the **Byargeon Memorial Golf Tournament**. We will be playing at Mystic Creek Golf Course, which is just a few years old but has been getting rave reviews since opening. This will be a four-person scramble and will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. More details will be coming soon. Get a team together and sign up. A portion of your tournament fee will go toward the NOBTS Rick Byargeon Scholarship (New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary) and the Rick Byargeon Missions Memorial Scholarship for short-term mission trips.



Welcome Back Sunday

Sunday, September 10

9 a.m. Blended Worship

(Sanctuary);

the gathering Worship

(Gathering Space)

10:15 a.m. Bible Study for All Ages

11:15 a.m. *the gathering* Worship

(Gathering Space)

5 p.m. Evening Worship

& Lord's Supper (Sanctuary)

Deacons of the Week—September 3-9

Terry Ewing & Gray Hipp

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Week-at-a-Glance

LA Baptist Children's Home Fall Food Roundup ~ September 3-17

Welcome Back Sunday Call-A-Thon ~ September 5-7

Sunday, September 3

9 a.m. - Blended Worship (Sanctuary); *the gathering* Worship (GS)

10:15 a.m. - Bible Study for all ages

11:15 a.m. - *the gathering* Worship (GS)

3:30 p.m. - Celebration Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

5 p.m. - Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, September 4

Church Offices Closed for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 5

6 p.m. - Sewing for Nicaragua (FH)

Wednesday, September 6

9 a.m. - Quilting/Sewing (Rm 81)

12 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm)

5 p.m. - Family Meal (FH; Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs;

Cost: \$4/person, \$2/child under 8, \$12 max/family)

5:45 p.m. - Children's M³ (Missions, Music, & More!) (JPMR)

6 p.m. - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (FH);

GROW Visitation - GREEN TEAM (FH);

temple-tech Summer Bible Study (Rm 216);

Youth Wednesday Night Worship (Youth Rm)

6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Rm);

Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary);

South Asia (March 2018) Mission Trip Interest Meeting (Rm 76)

7 p.m. - CORPS Meeting (Rm 270)

8 p.m. - *temple-tech* Welcome Wednesday (FLC)

Thursday, September 7

5:30 p.m. - Adult Game Night (FLC)

Saturday, September 9

temple-tech Tailgating (TAC)

Vision:
To become authentic, loving followers of Jesus,
who are experiencing life transformation through God's Word,
For the purpose of impacting our world.



TEMPLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

COME GATHER AROUND THE WORD

Core Values:

Authoritative Truth • Strengthening Worship
Authentic Community • Intentional Transformation
Hands-On Missions • Relational Evangelism
Compassionate Servanthood

Family Life Center Hours: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday: 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Journey Place Free Play Hours: Monday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday: 2:30-5 p.m.; Friday: 8-11 a.m.
Media Center Hours: Sunday: 8:15-9 a.m.; 10:15-11:15 a.m.; Wednesday: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.; 1:30-5 p.m.
Broadcast: Sundays at 9 a.m. Channel 11 (KAQY)